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## Husseini: Removing Jerusalem from table would end talks

BILL HUTMAN

IF prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu removes the Jerusalem issue from negotiations with the Palestinians, it will likely mean an end to the peace process, Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, told foreign diplomats at Orient House yesterday.

"The Orient House is the center for peace in this area," he said. "Closing Orient House means closing the negotiations."

Representatives of the consulates of the US, France, Italy, Turkey, Sweden, Greece, Spain, the Red Cross, and the UN attended the meeting, which Husseini described as "a regular meeting to brief them about the peace process, and the situation in Jerusalem."

Several of the foreign diplomats said Husseini was very forceful about Palestinian insistence that Israel seriously enter negotiations on the future of Jerusalem, as called for in the Oslo accords, or face a collapse of the peace process.

"If someone will say no negotiations on Jerusalem, that Jerusalem is not part of this agreement, I don't believe that this peace process will have any chance," Husseini told reporters after the meeting.

He also warned of the ill-effects of Netanyahu going through with the threat to close Orient House, the PLO headquarters in the city.

Husseini said despite his concerns over Netanyahu's plans, he is guardedly optimistic that, in the end, the new government would move ahead with the peace talks.

"Anyone who listened to Mr. Netanyahu the candidate must be worried," he said. "But listening [to him after he was elected], we have heard something else. There is hope."

Husseini also met yesterday with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo (Likud), as part of the Palestinian effort to understand the intentions

## High death toll in Moscow, Sao Paulo explosions

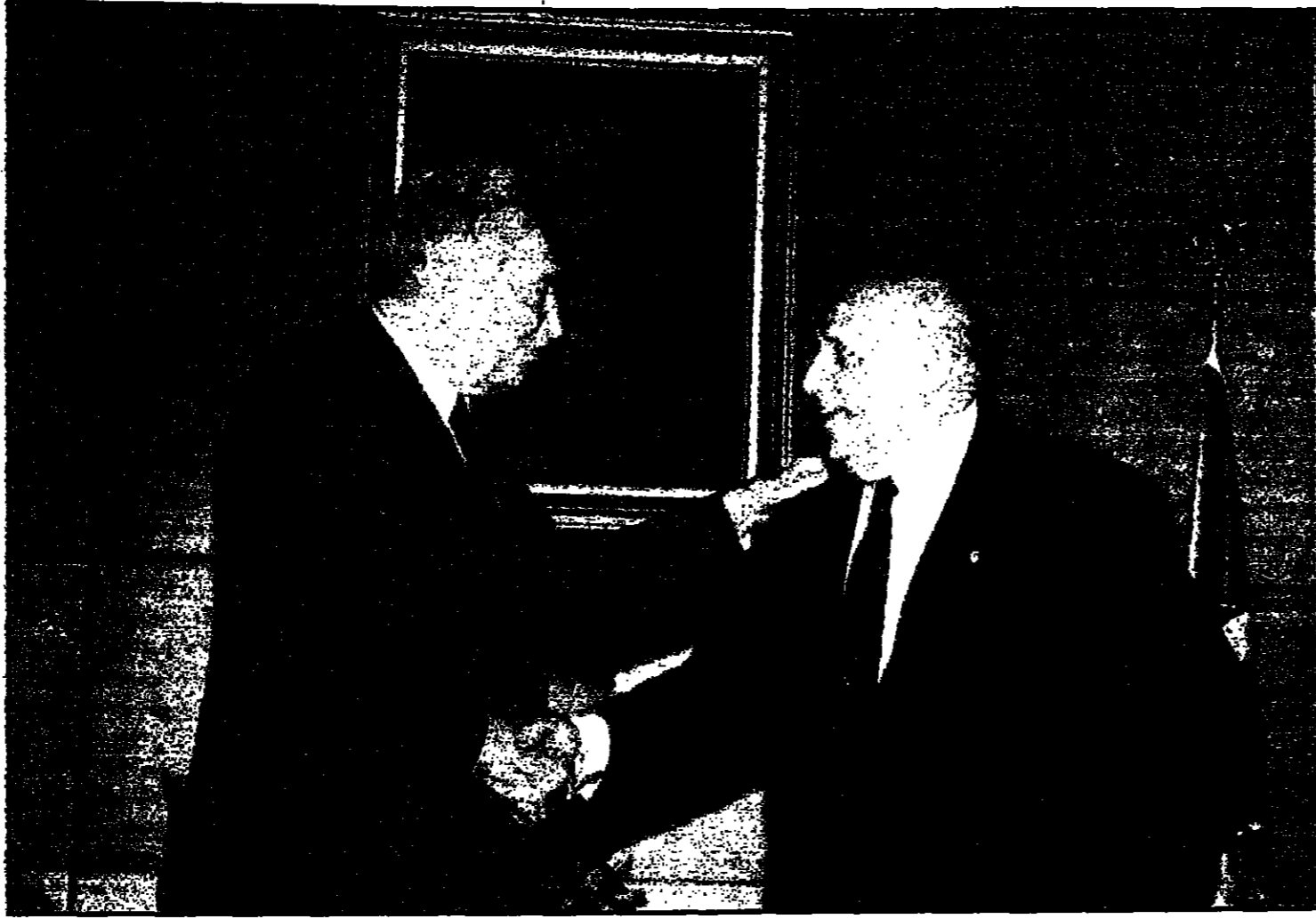
MOSCOW (AP) - A bomb ripped through a Moscow subway car last night, killing three people and injuring at least seven others, authorities said.

The explosion occurred at about 10:30 p.m. on a train approaching the Tsvetkaya station in southern Moscow, metro duty officer Natalia Pomakchina said. Rescue workers evacuated the passengers in thick smoke.

Three of the injured were in serious condition, police said.

Meanwhile, an explosion tore through a shopping mall in Sao Paulo, Brazil, lunchtime, ripping holes in concrete walls and killing at least 26 people, officials said. More than 100 were injured.

Rescue workers expected to find "perhaps another 20" bodies under the rubble, said Lt. Col. Edison Alves Domingues of the Sao Paulo fire department.



President Ezer Weizman shakes hands yesterday in Istanbul with President Suleyman Demirel.

(Ya'acov Sa'ar/GPO)

## Weizman: Accord with Turkey won't be canceled

STEVE RODAN  
ISTANBUL

NONE of the components of the Israeli-Turkish accord will be canceled, President Ezer Weizman stressed, after his meeting with President Suleyman Demirel here. But he acknowledged Israel's concern about an Islamic-led government in Ankara.

"I know President Demirel well enough, and I think that he will do all he can so that this [an Islamic government] will not happen," he said. "I also don't think the army

will sit quietly."

Later, Weizman backed down and refused to confirm the statement - made to Israeli journalists en route to Istanbul - when asked about it by Turkish journalists.

Demirel refused to speak to reporters. The two are scheduled to meet again before Weizman returns.

Arriving for a two-day visit, Weizman launched into his mission to ensure the continuation of the Israeli-Turkish strategic relationship, as well as to assuage Arab opponents of the new ties. Syria has been most critical, and is said to fear a Turkish attack.

"If they think this is a great strategic plan to attack Syria from

the north by Turkey, then this is rubbish," said Weizman.

Before leaving Israel, Weizman met with prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu, who indicated that Israel's policy toward Turkey would continue unchanged.

"We will continue our traditional policy. There is no change here in our position," Netanyahu told reporters.

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## IDF promises strong action against Hizbullah

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF cannot accept the price it is paying in the war against Hizbullah, and is pushing to be able to respond with greater force, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said yesterday.

"Monday's attack was difficult, and the results are unacceptable for us," Levine said. "This is a difficult war. We have a tough enemy before us. We will find the ways to overcome them. We will find the ways to improve, and we will improve. We will not let Hizbullah hit the IDF like this."

"It's true we have been a bit restrained. Hizbullah is acting, and we will have to stop their activity, even by force."

An IDF inquiry into the ambush ruled that the soldiers operated according to procedure, even though all 13 members of the squad were either killed or wounded. According to the initial inquiry, the commanders and most of the soldiers were hit by the gunmen's first shots. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said there were at least three, and possibly more gunmen who opened fire from a very short range.

"When you open fire with automatic weapons from short range, the result is sometimes very difficult, as it was in this clash," he said.

He didn't rule out a Channel 1 report that said most of the shots came from one weapon.

The evacuation of the wounded

was also hampered, the inquiry said, since the squad medic was wounded and the gunmen pounded the site of the attack with mortar fire.

"It turns out that the instructions were correct, the preparations were good, and the behavior of the force when it was ambushed was very good. Still, the result was not good, and we have to learn the reasons for this. I presume that this was due to tactical reasons, not instructions," a senior officer said.

The five Nahal soldiers killed in Monday's attack, Lt. Lior Ramon, 21, of Ramat Gan; Lt. Yishai Shechter, 21, of Kedumim; St.-Sgt. Gavriel Idan, 20, of Herzliya; St.-Sgt. Esbel Ben-Moshe, 21, of Moshav Yuvalim; and Sgt. Yaniv Rotimi, 21, of Afula, were all laid to rest yesterday.

Monday's ambush brought to 16 the number of IDF soldiers killed in south Lebanon this year.

Five of the soldiers wounded are at Haifa's Rambam Hospital and are in stable condition, deputy director Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai said.

Cpl. David Goldschleger, 19, of Kiryat Motzkin, who was seriously wounded, was able to breathe on his own soon after undergoing surgery. Sgt. Nimrod Mor, 20, of Kfar Azar, was in serious but stable condition. Sgt. Chen Aloni, 20, of Kibbutz Dorot, was in moderate condition with a broken hand and shrapnel in his eye. Cpl. Dani Brislav, 19, of Haifa, and

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## Netanyahu pressing Shas to help placate NRP

SARAH HONIG and HERB KEINON

MK-ELECT Yitzhak Mordechai and prime minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu's right-hand man Avigdor Lieberman were due to call on Shas's Aryeh Deri in the hospital late last night in yet another bid to find a way out of the coalition stalemate. (Deri hospitalization, Page 12)

They were presumably coming to try to elicit concessions to placate the sulking National Religious Party. In particular, they would like Shas to give up its claim to the Religious Affairs portfolio so the NRP could have it. But barring that, sources said Shas will be asked to give up a deputy ministerial appointment, so that the NRP can be compensated for getting an "inferior" second portfolio to that earmarked for Shas.

No progress was made in the coalition talks yesterday. Netanyahu continued to act optimistic, but those around him are no longer sure his government will be ready to be presented on Monday, when the new Knesset convenes for the first time.

The NRP, which endorsed Netanyahu throughout the election campaign, yesterday insisted that if it does not get a second major ministry it will not join the government.

"This is no bluff," an NRP senior official said. "This is no way to treat us. If we don't get another major ministry [in addition to Education], we won't join the coalition. Then we'll see how well the government gets along without us. In four months they will come crawling to us, we won't have to crawl to them."

NRP leader Zevulun Hammer met with Netanyahu yesterday, and left the meeting saying he was "disappointed" that he can not go to the party's secretariat and say that a deal is done.

Netanyahu and Hammer will meet again today. Netanyahu will also meet two former chief rabbis - Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu - both of whom are among the NRP's top mentors. There is speculation that Netanyahu will ask the rabbis to help sway the NRP to soften its stand, but Netanyahu aides insist these meetings were arranged over a week ago and that Netanyahu wishes to thank Shapira and Eliahu for their help during the campaign.

At yesterday's meeting, Netanyahu offered the NRP the Education Ministry and a paradedown Communications Ministry. "The Communications Ministry is not serious since he is taking Channel 2 and cable television out of the ministry and into the Prime Minister's Office," said NRP MK Shaul Yahalom.

Yahalom said that the NRP is demanding that if the Likud appoints one minister for every three Likud MKs, they must do the same thing for the other coalition partners, which would mean that the NRP is entitled to three ministers. But if it doesn't do this, Yahalom said, then the NRP is demanding the Education Ministry and either the Housing Ministry, or the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

The NRP is upset that Shas was offered Labor and Social Affairs

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# Clinton to sell F-16s to Jordan

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WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration has notified Congress of its intention to sell F-16 fighter planes to Jordan, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said yesterday.

Christopher, speaking to reporters with King Hussein at his side following their meeting at the State Department, said the notification is a "very important step in the process" of transferring the planes to Amman.

He also said the planes are an "important aspect of the security of Jordan" and illustrate how the US supports countries that assume risks for peace.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns later said the administration expects "no problem" in gaining congressional approval of the sale by July 25. He said the requisite letter to Congress was sent on June 5; notification is required under the Arms Export Control Act.

The sale is believed to include 16 F-16A and F-16B planes from US stockpiles. The planes are to be upgraded prior to delivery, likely by American firms, although Israel Aircraft Industries has pursued the contract, too, defense experts said.

Congress has been supportive of Amman's attempt to acquire the F-

16s but last winter criticized the administration for not stating where the funds would come from. It is expected that Jordan will pay for the planes with funds from the US's military assistance program, much as Israel purchases US equipment.

During the photo opportunity, Hussein also said he saw "many reasons" to be optimistic about the incoming Netanyahu government, foremost among them Israeli voters' supporting peace by an "overwhelming majority."

Burns later told reporters that the US considered Syria's comments about premier-elect Binyamin Netanyahu "not very helpful" because they pre-judged his policies before he takes office. He said the US hopes Damascus takes a "more open-minded approach" to the new government.

Also yesterday, the House overwhelmingly passed the 1997 foreign aid bill, 366-57. The Senate will take it up in the coming weeks.

The bill includes Israel's present \$3 billion economic and military aid package, and \$80 million for refugee resettlement. It also provides \$30 million to Jordan for the F-16 purchases, \$10m. in economic assistance and \$25m. in debt relief. Egypt will receive over \$2b. and the Palestinians \$75 million.

# El-Baz: Summit no threat to Israel

CAIRO (AP) - Next week's Arab summit will not threaten Israel, Osama el-Baz, President Hosni Mubarak's top political adviser, said yesterday, seeking to allay fears in the US and Israel.

He said the summit would focus on Arab solidarity, as well as the election of Binyamin Netanyahu.

"If there are challenges from the Israeli government and the possibility of change in its position, this will be discussed, but it will be discussed in a calm, objective, logical fashion, far from hysterics, threats, and insults," el-Baz said.

Twenty of the Arab League's 22 members will attend the three-day summit, which begins on June 21. It will be the largest gathering of Arab leaders since the 1991 Gulf War.

Only Iraq and Somalia will not attend. Iraq was not invited, and Somalia's anarchy will prevent it from sending a representative, Egyptian officials said.

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Syria called for the summit last week to agree on an Arab stance following Netanyahu's election. Some Arab countries have also hailed it as a first step in uniting a deeply divided Arab world.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher urged Arab countries not to take any action that would preclude a relationship between them and the new Israeli government.

Christopher said the US has urged all parties "not rush to judgment... until a new Israeli government is formed."

El-Baz said such fears are unjustified.

"We are not hear to threaten or to confront people with a fait accompli. Since we rejected it from others, we do not do it ourselves," he said. "We remain open, and we remain hopeful."

# Olmert denies charges against him

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert categorically denied yesterday allegations of financial wrongdoing when he served as Likud treasurer during the 1988 election campaign.

On Monday, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair informed prime minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu he had decided to indict Olmert. An indictment would prohibit Olmert from serving in the cabinet, according to a 1993 High Court ruling.

"It is a shame that an affair that took place eight years ago should all of a sudden be raised now," Olmert said in a statement. "In recent years, the more that I advanced in public office, the more I faced slander, attacks and accusations, which were all proven to be unfounded."

"Now, this affair has been raised, and I am certain that in the end it will be shown that the attorney-general was mistaken in judgment and in his decision."

The indictment alleges Olmert was involved in a financial cover up aimed at hiding illegal contributions received by the Likud in its 1988 campaign. "So there will be no doubts, I want to make clear that I gave no advice, direction, and didn't initiate anything related to covering up receipts on contributions to the Likud," Olmert said. "I have no doubt that this will become clear soon, once the facts come out."

"Over the years I raised substantial sums of money for the Likud, always being careful to do this within the law."

# Local council head stabbed during argument

GANEI Tikva local council head Avishai Levin was stabbed yesterday evening and seriously hurt during an argument with a local man at the council building over housing. After he told the man he could not help him, he was stabbed in the neck, chest, and legs. He was taken to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, where he was reported in moderate to serious condition.

Levin's assailant, a homeless man, fled by car with another man, but was later apprehended by police at Petah Tikva's Hasharon Hospital.

Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi sadly announces the death of **RACHEL GLASS** and offers deepest sympathy to Lila and family. The funeral will take place today, June 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Kfar Hanassi.

# Report: Assad was assassination target

DOUGLAS DAVIS  
LONDON

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad was the intended target of a bomb attack on May 6 along the route he was expected to have taken to an annual ceremony commemorating nationalists executed by the Ottoman Empire in the last century.

In the end, however, Assad did not attend the ceremony. But Middle East sources in London told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that a car bomb which exploded in the city of Latakia was likely to have been directed at him.

Latakia is a stronghold of Assad's minority Alawite sect and the Syrian leader is reported to have stayed there for most of the past month.

According to a report in the London *Financial Times* yesterday, Syrian security forces have rounded up about 600 people - almost entirely among the ethnic Turkish Turkmen community in Syria - since the blast.

Syrian forces later said the Latakia explosion had been caused by a cooking gas cylinder, but the Saudi-owned daily *Al-Sharq al-Awsat* quoted informed sources as saying the bombing had been carried out by "Turkish agents."

Another explosion was aimed at the Damascus apartment used by Abdullah Ocalan, leader of the Damascus-based Kurdish Workers Party, or PKK, a far-left terrorist movement that operates against Turkey and is sponsored by both Syria and Iran. The *Post* has learned that Ocalan was not in the apartment at the time of the explosion.

Reports of explosions in Syria started appearing in the

Arabic-language media late last week, after the US State Department disclosed that several blasts had occurred in Syria over the past month. These reports were immediately dismissed by Damascus as "an attempt to divert world attention from what was happening in Israel."

Assad is involved in a simmering conflict-by-proxy with Turkey, purportedly based on his concern over Turkey's control of vital water sources and Ankara's military agreement with Israel.

According to sources in London, Assad "uses the PKK against Turkey just as he uses Hizbullah against Israel, so that he does not leave his own fingerprints."

In this remote-controlled campaign, the sources told the *Post*, Assad exercises full control over the PKK, which has up to eight training camps in Iran, as well as others in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

The *Post* has learned that Assad recently took the unprecedented step of allowing the PKK to train inside Syria itself, at an area in the Gota Valley near Damascus. The PKK, which is said to run extensive protection rackets among emigre Kurdish communities, particularly in Germany, is financially self-sufficient, but relies heavily on

Syria and Iran for training and logistical support.

In aiding the PKK, said the source, Iran is acting as a strategic ally of Syria in support of the perceived interests of Damascus. It is also acting out of self-interest to promote aggression against Turkey, a potential rival which it regards with visceral hostility.

"Both Syria and Iran regard Turkey as a major, major enemy," the *Post* was told.

As Syria's terrorist operations appear to be expanding exponentially, a series of unattributable leaks from Amman in recent weeks suggested that a total of 40 Syrian-sponsored terrorist attacks directed against Jordanian officials and Israeli tourists have been aborted in Jordan.

The attacks, mostly by Palestinians, started soon after the October 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty, but have intensified in recent months, reportedly because Syrian anger has been aroused by what it perceives to be Jordan's attempt to expand its role in the region.

The Arabic-language *al-Hayat* quoted Jordanian sources on Monday as saying that Jordan is lobbying a number of other Arab states to use the upcoming Arab summit in Cairo to join it in "pressing Syria to clarify its stance towards Iranian policy and the question of terrorism."

*Al-Hayat's* Jordanian sources were quoted as saying that Syria "cannot go to the Cairo summit brandishing an olive branch in one hand and terrorism in the other."



Brig.-Gen Ya'acov Amidror briefs the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday. At his left is committee chairman Haggai Merom.

# Amidror: Syria might turn aggressive if it doesn't get Golan

DAVID MAKOVSKY

SHOULD Syria conclude that it will not receive the entire Golan Heights from the new Netanyahu government, it may turn to an "aggressive policy," Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, head of the Intelligence Corps research division, warned the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

In remarks distributed by the committee to reporters, Amidror said that "if the Syrians understand that Israel is not going to give them all of the Golan, the negotiations will not continue. If the Syrians reach the conclusion that it won't happen, we will have to follow the possibility of a transition to an aggressive policy. Then our guiding assumption is how not to be surprised."

He also said he thinks Syria wanted to "drive a wedge" between Jerusalem and Washington.

Amidror noted that there have been 30 inci-

dents in southern Lebanon over the last month, including 10 roadside bombs and 17 cases of sniper fire. While Operation Grapes of Wrath was designed to keep civilians out of harm's way, he noted there has been no impact upon attacks inside the security zone.

In general, he said Binyamin Netanyahu's election has been received in the Arab world, with the exception of Jordan, with "shock and disappointment." He said Jordan is "happy in its heart" about Netanyahu's victory, apparently alluding to its opposition to Palestinian statehood.

At the same time, Amidror said Jordan is realistic about the limitations of a Netanyahu victory, apparently referring to domestic opposition in Jordan to steps which

could be viewed as anti-Palestinian.

Amidror, who has been hailed by right-wing critics of the Peres government as having a more sober assessment of the Palestinian intentions than his superiors, disagreed with MK Ze'ev Begin about the nullification of the Palestinian Covenant.

He suggested the argument over whether it has been legally nullified is secondary to the perception among the Arab public that it has.

"There has been a political cancellation of the covenant," he said. "This is what the Arab street understands. Even if there is a legal debate, politically it has been nullified."

The appearance was Amidror's last in his current position. There have been rumors that in a civilian capacity, he could join Netanyahu's new national security council, which is slated to work out of the Prime Minister's Office.

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Weizman, who will attend a UN conference on urbanization, said the largely secret Turkish-Israeli accord is not a defense pact, an assertion confirmed by Ankara.

"It is an agreement for joint exercises," Weizman said. "It is not a military accord. And this is a big difference."

Senior officials have highlighted Weizman's trip as vital to ensuring the maintenance of growing military ties with Turkey. Turkey's Foreign Ministry has confirmed that 12 Turkish military aircraft trained with the Israel Air Force last week.

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## HUSSEINI

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of the new ruling party. The meeting was held at Tel Aviv City Hall, Channel 1 reported.

"We met so that we could get to know each other better," said Hussein, who reportedly initiated the meeting. "For years there has been no talk [between the Palestinians and Likud]," he added.

"I hope that there will be more such meetings, with various people from the Palestinian side, and from the other side," Hussein said.

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reached after Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Meanwhile, Hizbullah's second-in-command Sheikh Naeem Qassem, said the IDF shelling in retaliation for the ambush killed a Lebanese army sergeant and wounded a civilian driver, and this violated the truce.

"We are giving the Lebanese government a chance to lodge a complaint with the cease-fire monitoring committee, and then we will act accordingly," Qassem said in a Beirut television interview.

Levine said the IDF has been restrained by the agreement reached after Grapes of Wrath, which bars attacks on civilians. But Shabak warned that the IDF would no longer hesitate to strike at Hizbullah guerrillas, even if they are hiding behind civilians.

"We will operate against Hizbullah terrorists wherever they are, including the villages. And I assume that since they are

## SHAS

with the offer of the Trade and Industry portfolio. The Housing portfolio has been earmarked for the Likud's Ariel Sharon, though it is not clear whether he will accept it.

Both the NRP and Shas covet the Religious Affairs portfolio, but Netanyahu is reportedly considering solving this dilemma by giving the ministry to Likud MK Ovadia Eli, who failed to make the cut-off for the incoming Knesset. The NRP would be satisfied if it could receive Religious Affairs as its second portfolio, but this would require a major concession by Shas.

# Merom warns against breakdown of peace process

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE outgoing head of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, MK Haggai Merom (Labor), warned yesterday against a deterioration of the peace process.

Calling his list "10 fears," Merom listed what he saw as the biggest dangers that could occur if the peace process deteriorates, while at the same time said he hoped none of them would transpire.

"I hope the peace process does not deteriorate, but I fear this could mean a 'new Middle East' and not the sort that has been talked about in the past," he said.

Among his fears is that the Palestinians will use the minimum of 20,000 weapons in their possession to start an armed intifada; Egypt will be turned from a peace partner into a confrontation state; ties with the US will worsen; and Syrian-Iranian ties will strengthen, leading to more Katyushas raining down on the Golan.

Moreover, if there is ever a sense that the prospects for peace are dissipating, it would only exacerbate what a range of studies have shown is a drop in the motivation of teenagers as they are drafted into the IDF, Merom said.

Merom also offered non-peace process advice to the new Likud government. Without mentioning either Yitzhak Mordechai or Ehud Barak by name, Merom voiced concern about the impact upon the IDF top brass in the event that a senior officer becomes defense minister a relatively short time after shedding his uniform.

"I regret we did not make a law against such a possibility, as this could disturb existing relationships with the top IDF officials," he said.

He also voiced hope that some aspects of the intelligence community's reporting procedures be re-evaluated, since as it stands now, the head of the Mossad and General Security Service report directly to the premier, but the head of IDF military intelligence goes through the defense minister, even though he is also the intelligence adviser to the whole cabinet.

Merom said this was not a problem when the premier is also defense minister, but this could change when the prime minister is not defense minister.

# US defends Israeli delay on Hebron pull back

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The US yesterday strongly defended Israel's right to delay redeploying troops from Hebron.

"We've all got to live in the real world... The real world is there's been a democratic election (in Israel)... It is rational and reasonable to give the new prime minister, an elected prime minister, some time to form a government. And we're not going to try to hasten that pace," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters.

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# State to appeal Dinitz's partial acquittal

EVELYN GORDON

THE state will appeal the partial acquittal of former Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz, as well as the lightness of his sentence, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair announced yesterday.

not aggravated fraud - for his use of the Syms card. Dinitz's sentence was an NIS 40,000 fine, though the state had asked for prison time. The court ruled that even though Dinitz was "one of the most senior civil servants ever to be convicted of fraud and breach of trust in Israel, if not the most senior," his distinguished public record, combined with the fact that his high status deepened the disgrace he would feel at his conviction, justified a comparatively light sentence.

The state had argued during the trial that it was not the agency bookkeepers' job to run after Dinitz: it was his obligation to submit a list of personal expenses charged to the agency card, like any other employee, so the agency could deduct the money from his salary. Because Dinitz never submitted such forms, the state argued, he knowingly misled the agency into thinking all the expenses on his American Express Card were business-related.

With regard to the sentence, the state argued that Dinitz's senior position mandated a stiff sentence, both because executive authority entails greater responsibility and because of the damage caused to the agency's name by its chief executive's crimes. Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Dinitz's own appeal against his sentence was nearly complete and would be filed this week.



The driver of this car, which had its rear end crushed by the truck, escaped with only light injuries. The accident occurred on Jerusalem's Herzl Boulevard. (Ariel Jerolimski)

# Jewish Agency unit overspent budget by 100%

EVELYN GORDON

THE Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department overspent its budget for new offices by almost 100 percent, or NIS 395,000, according to the agency comptroller's annual report. Comptroller Ehad Haviv, in his first report, found that gross mismanagement by numerous bodies led to the overspending. For instance, two different agency departments each hired an architect to plan the project. No pricing was done to substantiate the estimate of the project's cost, and the department accepted bids for the planning which were greater than its budget for this item.

approved by various agency officials who had no authority to do so. As a result of the comptroller's report, the agency fired the director of the Building and Maintenance Division, who was the chief culprit. Other findings of the report are: The agency spent \$410,000 on a project to improve education in Dimona - which appears to have had no "lasting effect" on the level of education there. Haviv said this was largely because so many mistakes were made in setting up and running the project. The program, prepared by Ben-Gurion University, was not based on any diagnostic work, nor was it ever appraised by professionals before being approved. The proposal was accepted without either a timetable or a multi-year budget, and salaries were paid regardless of whether any of the project's stages had been implemented or not.

was a minority on the steering committee overseeing it, and the project coordinator was not obligated to maintain contact with it. Furthermore, a final report on the project was presented 30 months late, making this important evaluational tool virtually useless. Haviv presented 14 recommendations to ensure that similar failings do not occur in other projects. Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said he adopted all of them and circulated them to the departments. In 1991-92, the comptroller examined the Mitzpeh Ramon Arts Colony and found numerous problems. A follow-up investigation last year, however, showed that almost none of the faults had been corrected. Meanwhile, the program's deficit continues to grow and the student body continues to decline. The agency's transportation unit made monthly service payments for almost a year for two vehicles which had been sold, and

a third which was not in use, while erroneous reports from a credit card company as to mileage resulted in several departments being overcharged. However, all this money has since been repaid. The comptroller also found there was no enforcement of quotas for distance traveled on company cars. In two cases, an almost-new company car was sold to a senior employee at a discount, while the agency purchased new cars for its fleet. The comptroller, in his capacity as ombudsman, also reviewed a number of complaints from individuals. Among those found justified are: An agency emissary in eastern Europe, asked by a new immigrant to help her get money to Israel, had the immigrant deposit \$7,600 in the emissary's personal account. The money was supposed to be repaid, in shekels, when the immigrant reached Israel; instead, however, the emissary used the money to cover her own financial difficulties. As a result of the comptroller's

investigation, the agency repaid the immigrant and deducted the sum from the emissary's salary. The emissary, whose performance until then had been excellent, was reprimanded and warned that any further problems would result in her being fired. The agency also forbade all its emissaries to engage in such transactions. Counselors working at agency summer camps in the CIS frequently did not get paid for months. The comptroller received seven justified complaints on this subject, and found that many other counselors who did not complain also suffered from several months' delay in their salaries. Serious problems were found in maintenance services at several absorption centers. At one center, the maintenance company was overpaid by tens of thousands of shekels. There also appear to be several cases of payments made for work which was not done; the comptroller has sent this matter to the police for investigation.

# State appeals acquittal of police chief on corruption charges

EVELYN GORDON

THE state appealed to the Supreme Court yesterday against the acquittal of former northern district police chief Cmdr. Ya'acov Ganot on charges of bribe-taking, fraud, and breach of trust.

the cost of the work was NIS 7,360; and he threw Ganot an expensive party - one caterer alone received NIS 3,000 - in honor of his appointment as head of the district.

The state also appealed Nazareth District Court's acquittal of Ganot on charges of abusing his position by making a subordinate do personal work for his family, and against the acquittal of Nazareth businessman Subhi Tanos for giving bribes. The charge of abusing his position came because of Ganot's habit of sending one of his subordinates to chauffeur his family around, supervise the men working on his house, or watch his children - often on police time, using a police car, but sometimes after hours, with no pay. The lower court acquitted Ganot on the grounds that this crime only refers to abuse of one's position toward the public, rather than toward one's subordinates. Furthermore, it said, it was legitimate for Ganot to ask a subordinate to help his family while he was busy on police business.

In exchange, Ganot allegedly persuaded a subordinate not to run for a position on Nazareth's Greek Orthodox executive committee, thereby leaving the field clear for Tanos' brother; met with a delegation headed by the mayor of Eilat, who was under police investigation for election bribery, about his case at Tanos' request; set up a special team to investigate an assault on Tanos' driver; and interfered in a police investigation against Tanos by preventing his arrest, getting the officer who had wanted to arrest him to apologize, and getting the file against him closed. The lower court had ruled that all of these favors were low-level assistance of the type it is natural for one friend to give to another, and that denying public servants the right to accept any friendly assistance would "in large measure deprive him of the right to have friends."

# Panel recommends university tuition fees stay at current level

YOCHI DREAZEN

UNIVERSITY tuition will not increase outside of seasonal cost-of-living adjustments, according to a binding report issued by the Maltz Committee, appointed by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to evaluate the issue. The report is a major vindication for the Education Ministry, which had repeatedly denied allegations by the National Union of Israeli Students that it intended to double tuition to NIS 15,000 per year. The dispute between student groups and the ministry climaxed with last month's student strike, during which students boycotted classes and held campus sit-ins and demonstrations. "I think the common student will understand that the strike was for nothing," said an Education Ministry spokesperson. "Student leaders used the frightful NIS 15,000 figure as a way of attracting attention. There was never an intention to raise tuition like that."

changes in the index, but students will not have to pay any additional percentage increases. Students will not have to begin repaying their loans until two years after they graduate, as opposed to immediately afterwards as had been the rule previously, and will have 36 months, as opposed to 24, to do so. Student's registration fees will be cut almost in half, to approximately NIS 200. The rights of the student - such as ensuring that each lecturer reserves time to meet with students - are guaranteed for the first time. Additionally, the committee established strict guidelines governing which services are not covered by student tuition payments, and how much the universities can charge students for them. The committee, headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Ya'acov Maltz, included students, government officials, representatives of the major universities, and representatives of the Independent Planning and Budgeting Committee in charge of allocating government subsidies to the universities. It began its deliberations in February.

# Histadrut opposes privatization plans by new government

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut plans to battle the new government's intention to speed up the privatization process, which the Histadrut and labor unions fear will infringe on collective wage agreements and the work conditions of hundreds of thousands of workers. Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz called a meeting of all the government corporations' labor unions next Sunday to form a united front against any privatization moves that are not coordinated with the Histadrut and workers' representatives. Peretz held a secret meeting Monday night with the union leaders of the Israel Electric Corporation, Bezeq, TAAS-Israel Industries, the banks, the Airport Authority, El Al and IDF civilian workers to discuss the government's privatization plans. Peretz said after the meeting "we won't let them conduct a divide-and-rule policy. We demand a detailed plan of action, which will be coordinated with us before the tenders for privatization are issued."

agreements and workers' pension rights in privatized corporations. The Histadrut also demands a clause ensuring the workers' right to purchase shares of the corporation that employs them. Peretz said the Histadrut is setting up a central unit to deal with privatization, which will include a team of legal advisers and economists. In another development, the Histadrut intends this week to finally dismiss 500 labor council workers, a move that had been delayed for several months. Peretz said yesterday that the move, which will save the Histadrut some NIS 7 million a month, is unavoidable due to the Histadrut's large financial deficit. The Histadrut's financial plight is such that it has not been transferring any funds to the local labor councils since January, rendering them inoperative. A strike called by workers at Histadrut headquarters was averted at the last moment this week when the Histadrut transferred the workers' wages to their bank accounts. But the Histadrut failed to make the workers' clothing and recreation payments and asked to postpone them to next month's salaries.

# High Court rejects petition on IAF cable accident

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE High Court of Justice rejected a petition by the parents of two soldiers killed in a 1992 air force training accident who have repeatedly sought prosecution of air force personnel whom they hold responsible for their sons' deaths. Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg fell to their deaths

when a rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. The ruling, by Justice Dalia Dorner, paves the way for the air force to go ahead with its third inquiry into the affair. The IDF said the inquiry would submit its findings when it completed its work. The IDF maintains that OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Herzl Bodinger ordered the third inquiry in order to focus on the technical side of the mishap. Two previous inquiries were inconclusive or negated each other. Both, however, recommended that no one be prosecuted.

# E. J'lem scouts resuming activities

BILL HUTMAN

FOR the first time since the start of the intifada nearly nine years ago, scouts from the Arab school system in eastern Jerusalem took part in a municipality-sponsored retreat over the weekend. More than 400 young Palestinians attended the three-day retreat at the Ein Hemed park in the Jerusalem Corridor. The event was organized and paid for by the municipality. "We try to separate politics from education," said Jamil Abu Tuamah, in charge of the Arab public schools in Jerusalem. He said the city is "trying to reactivate the activities of the scouts," halted during the intifada, and that the youngsters and parents are

also eager to do so. On Saturday night, Mayor Ehud Olmert met the children and their parents, and promised the city would sponsor more activities for eastern Jerusalem youngsters. "Eastern Jerusalem residents are hungry for improved social services from the municipality, regardless of the political situation," said one city official involved in the retreat. Arab scout leaders and parents told Olmert they are interested in similar activities being planned for the children in the future, and political issues concerning differences over Jerusalem's future were not raised, the official said.

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# Economics and the Palestinian question

**T**HE new Likud government will have an opportunity to correct certain basic flaws that have afflicted the peace process with the Palestinians.

The core of these flaws is economic, and it may be assumed that if Prime Minister-elect Binyamin Netanyahu puts ways of correcting them to President Bill Clinton, he will find a willing listener and supporter of a new line of activity. A serious failure of the Oslo process has been in the economic field, leading to a serious deterioration of the situation in the territories.

This particular failure of the peace process lies not in the Oslo agreements themselves, but in the way they have been implemented. One of the main reasons why Shimon Peres, as foreign minister, decided to accept the Oslo channel was the economic paper presented to him on behalf of Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala), who later became the PA economy, trade and industry minister. Qreia proposed that the political agreements should be implemented economically - acknowledging that Israel and the future Palestinian Authority could only be one economic unit. This approach was later formalized in the Paris (economic) protocols.

Arafat was driven off by his fear of economic figureheads such as the *ahria Falasin* ("Palestine's wealthiest") - people like Abd al-Majid Shuman, the owner of the Arab Bank, or businessman Munib al-Masri, and others. Until now, they have not contributed to the Palestinian economy, because Arafat did not invite them to. Those who tried their luck anyway soon abandoned their efforts because of the endless closures of the territories.

### ANALYSIS PINHAS INBAR

THE MAGIC words Netanyahu could use during his meeting with Clinton in the White House are "World Bank."

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ment has already declared it will require of the PA a much closer adherence to the Oslo accords. It would be better to apply these declarations to the economic field first. This should convince the Palestinians, as well as the community of donor nations, that this approach is not an excuse to evade the peace process, but the means to improve it.

PLO has entered the territories, established the Palestinian Authority, and prepared to negotiate a permanent status. Several prominent Palestinian leaders indicated that this economic approach might work. It seems the Arab world is not prepared to grant Netanyahu a honeymoon period but is moving quickly to block his path to improving relations with Jordan at the expense of the other negotiating partners - the PA, Syria and Egypt.

## Baghdad weapons factory dismantled

**U**N experts and Iraqi officials are dismantling a major biological weapons factory outside Baghdad this week as part of UN sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, a UN official said. The official, from the UN Special Commission charged with dismantling Iraq's military programs, also said a 50-man team of arms experts was arriving in Baghdad this week to destroy long-range Iraqi missiles.

The team is led by Nikita Smedovic, an expert in long-range missiles, he added. "Things are going fine with Iraq so far, unless something new comes up," said the official, who requested anonymity. The crippling sanctions imposed on Iraq nearly six years ago include a ban on vital oil exports. For them to be lifted, Iraq must dismantle its mass-destruction weapons, account for some 600 people Kuwait says had gone missing during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis and pay war reparations.



Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati meets with Syrian President Hafez Assad earlier this week in Damascus. (AP)

## Keeping a lid on opposition helps Tunisia bring in the money

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**TUNIS**

**B**YOND the bustle of its market places, Tunisia is a drowsy oasis. Too quiet, say critics who accuse its authoritarian regime of making money hand over fist. President Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali lures foreign investors to this North African nation by cracking down hard on the kind of Moslem militancy that scares many businessmen away from neighboring Algeria and Libya.

Tunisia was a bustling commercial center in the 12th century BCE. The ancient city of Carthage fell in 2nd century BCE, and the Romans ruled the area for 700 years. It became a French protectorate in 1881 and Paris granted its long-time colony its freedom on March 20, 1956. President Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali took over from Habib Bourguiba in 1987, declaring the "president-for-life" senile. Today, it is probably North Africa's most Westernized nation, embracing a far more moderate and secular Islam - and a far more pro-West foreign policy - than either of its neighbors.

farmers struggle to coax a living from the parched earth. Human rights groups say Tunisians pay dearly for the country's push to be, as Romdhani, the government spokesman, puts it, "wonderfully boring."

More than ever, that is necessary for the blossoming of Tunisia and the development of the country, said Mocef Marzouki, a human rights advocate jailed for four months after trying to run for president in 1994. But Ben Ali, a police officer by training, seems to have no intentions of easing up. If anything, he seems emboldened since driving the main Islamic opposition movement, En Nahda (Renaissance), underground several years ago.

## Libya's youth see the world by satellite TV

**W**HEN their satellite receivers broke down, some well-to-do Libyans sailed to Malta to repair them - so strong was their addiction to foreign TV programs. "Libyan television is so boring," said Mohammed al-Basir, 15, whose daily routine is to plant himself in front of the television after school to watch satellite programs.

AI-Basir and his chums say they prefer MTV and the film and song channels on the Saudi-owned Middle East Broadcasting Corporation. One winked and said he liked "the really late shows" - Turkish channels that show mild pornography. White satellite dishes in all sizes cram Tripoli rooftops and balconies.

## Murder suspect is top Iranian spy

**A**N Iranian arrested in Germany in connection with the May 28 assassination of an opponent of Iran's Islamic regime is a high-ranking Iranian spy, a Paris-based dissident group said this week. The group said Ahmad Djayhouni, whom German police arrested in Bonn two days after former Iranian government minister Reza Mazlouman was shot at his home near Paris, possesses "extremely confidential information."

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# American Polish-Jewish relations: Still poles apart

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**I**n this nation of immigrants that celebrates ethnic diversity, Americans with one hyphenated identity are often inclined to build bridges to others with hyphenated identities. And so it is that Jewish-Americans routinely meet with African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Latino-Americans, Polish-Americans, and so on.

But the Jewish bridge to Polish-Americans is sagging these days, as the weight of history and stinging stereotypes continue to take their toll.

The Poles recall prime minister Yitzhak Shamir once said they "suck [in] antisemitism with their mothers' milk." And the Jews got an uncomfortable reminder of that sentiment recently when the head of the Polish American Congress wrote a letter that carried what the American Jewish Committee called "the unmistakable ring of old-style antisemitism."

Last month, the committee quit its 17-year association with the Chicago-based congress. The two groups had been the sponsors of the National Polish American-Jewish American Council, which was intended to improve relations between the two communities.

The congress' leader, Edward Moskal, complained to Poland's president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, that Warsaw was too submissive toward the Jews. Among his numerous grievances, made public last month, were what he called the "preferential treatment" given Jews seeking the restitution of their property in Poland, limits on commercial development near Auschwitz, and

the Polish government's apology on the anniversary of the post-war Kielce pogrom.

The American Jewish Committee said it was not objecting to Moskal's complaints but to his letter's "highly bigoted tenor and style."

Kwasniewski dismissed Moskal's complaints, adding: "There should be no place for harmful stereotypes, xenophobia, religious, racial or ethnic prejudices."

What was striking, observers said, was that from Kwasniewski down, Poles rushed to condemn Moskal's statement.

A Polish-American newspaper, the *Eagle*, appeared to speak for many of the community's leaders when it called the remarks "repugnant" and said they did not reflect the overall Polish-American attitude.

"Sometimes it takes a controversy to mobilize people on the side of accommodation," said George Szabad, co-chair of the National Polish American-Jewish American Council and an official of the American Jewish Committee. "It's probably just as well that people have to stand up and be counted."

The Poles and the Jews are to meet later this month to assess their relationship.

When the two communities began building their bridge in the late 1970s, "it was of great value," said Tadeusz Gromada, the executive director of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, a national organization of academics, scientists, writers and artists. "We were meeting face to face with Jewish Americans, and we were forming



friendships. Before, we had hardly any direct contacts. "The fact is that we found out

that we had a lot of things in common and believe in many things that are important for American

pluralistic society," Gromada said in New York. For instance, he said, like the Jews, Polish

Americans don't want to become completely assimilated.

The Polish American community is slightly larger than the Jewish community. Nearly one million live in Chicago, which boasts more people of Polish descent than any city other than Warsaw.

When the group started, "the enemy was very strong on both sides," Szabad said. "American Jews look upon Poland as a cemetery."

The Americans have other bridges that are a higher priority, and do not start with such a deficit. Although black-Jewish relations are currently strained, the two groups shared a moment of glorious cooperation at the height of the American civil rights movement 50 years ago. With Asian-Americans, Jews share a reverence for family and scholarship.

"The only thing that makes the Polish Jewish bridge so important is the combination of the sense of history and the fact that it is such a love-hate relationship," Szabad said. "There is no such thing as Jewish history without Poland or Polish history without Jews."

The joint council was not intended to be a historical institute or to focus overseas. "But the reality is that you cannot deal with contemporary Polish-American and Jewish-American relations without dealing with the history of those relations," said the council's co-chair, Reverend John Pawlikowski of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. "This history still conditions how people react in current times."

"We don't expect to ever agree even on the facts," Szabad said. However, he and Pawlikowski

noted that the council has been effective in lessening the tensions between the two communities by providing a forum where issues can be discussed civilly.

Each side also has aided the other on cultural matters and in political affairs. For instance, American Jews actively supported Poland's nascent Solidarity movement and backed Warsaw's position in its negotiations with Germany on their permanent border.

"One of our basic principles is that we don't stereotype and that we cannot blame the community for statements of individuals," Szabad said. "There are plenty of trouble-makers on the Jewish side."

Moskal's statement reinforced Jewish stereotypes about Poles, numerous people noted. But, they said, he also made a point — however badly — that resonated with Poles who believe that Jews have disregarded Poland's losses during World War II.

The restitution of Jewish property in Poland is a highly charged issue in which progress so far has been limited to the return of communal properties. The Polish American community recently was distressed by the statement of the World Jewish Congress that it will "humiliate" Poland unless Warsaw accepts its demands for property restitution. Gromada said, adding that all legitimate claims should be settled justly.

"In each community we have our extremists," Gromada said. "We have our people who don't seem to want to have good relations and don't see the value of having an understanding and building coalitions that would advance our mutual interests."

## Curitiba, 'world's most innovative city'

**A**T the start of the school year, in Curitiba, Brazil, Christiano Pereira Pinheiro, a winsome seven-year-old, traded eight pounds of recyclable garbage for a packet of new notebooks.

Each week, he and his two older brothers, the sons of a maid and a steelworker, exchange trash for two pounds of protein-rich beans or fresh fruit. At Easter, they get chocolate eggs, and then at Christmas, a cake for the family.

Garbage is not the only thing recycled here. Old wooden utility posts are reused in office buildings, bridges and public squares. Retired buses become mobile classrooms for adult education. A gunpowder depot converts into a theater-in-the-round.

"Virtually everything has more than one use," said Mayor Rafael Greca De Macedo, whose airy office overlooking a park is made of old telephone poles and glass.

"It's just a matter of figuring out how to reuse things and then teaching people how to do it."

Curitiba has done just that — and much more. As the world's mayors and urban planners assembled this week in Istanbul, Turkey, for the start of a 10-day UN summit on mushrooming urban problems, this little-known city 200 miles southwest of Sao Paulo in southeast Brazil is being heralded as the place that has many of the solutions.

"It's the most innovative city in the world," said Wally N'Dow of Gambia, chairman of the Habitat II summit.

Since young maverick architects and engineers took over City Hall in the 1970s, Curitiba has tried new ways to tackle urban ills. It is still a Third World city, with at least 10 percent of its 1.6 million people living in slums of corrugated tin-and-wood shanties. And its innovations — from "trade villages" to schoolbooks written by the mayor — were made very gradually.

But the city now stands as a model for urban planners, and mayors from around the world have visited Curitiba to learn from its experiments.

The rush to the cities has been

### Does this Brazilian town provide a solution to the world's population problems?

one of the great global trends of the 20th century. Forty years ago, 70 cities had more than one million people. Today there are more than 200, including 10 in Brazil. And in 15 years, the UN estimates, there will be 500, with 33 having populations of more than 10 million.

"The 21st century will be the first urban century," N'Dow said, "with more than half the world's population living in cities. But whether in big countries such as the United States or small countries like mine, we are all woefully unprepared."

In an effort to share possible solutions, Habitat II has identified 227 innovative practices in cities from Bogota to Bangkok, Jakarta, Indonesia, is cited for uniting the public and private sectors in a housing development project. Havana, Cuba, is mentioned for the way it has provided housing, roads, clean water and electricity to the poor.

In the US, Habitat's premier example is Chattanooga, Tennessee, which in 1969 was considered to be the most-polluted American city, rapidly losing people and jobs. Under the management of David Crockett, descendant of the frontiersman, Chattanooga has done an about-face, making major strides in such areas as pollution control, neighborhood revitalization and public education.

Elsewhere in Brazil, Sao Paulo, whose 18 million residents make it the world's third-largest metropolis, is a dirty, disorienting mega-city. Rampant crime plagues Rio de Janeiro, where up to a third of the 5.5 million residents live in shanties. Brasilia, the capital, is a sterile planned city of 1.8 million whose outdated 1960s architecture gives it an eerie feel.

The accomplishments of Curitiba have come despite limited means. For a city its size, its budget is modest: \$1 billion a

year, the same as that of Lausanne, Switzerland, which has one-tenth the population.

But Curitiba is making the most of what it has. Its "garbage that is not garbage" program made it the world's recycling capital. More than 70 percent of its trash is recycled — compared to 10 percent in the United States. Paper recycling in Curitiba saves 1,200 trees a day, city planners estimate.

The program in turn helps the poor. The city last year exchanged almost 2 million pounds of food, 348,000 Easter eggs and 26,000 Christmas cakes for recyclable trash. Hundreds of quilts for the needy were snuffed with crushed Styrofoam. Christiano was one of 25,000 poor children who received school supplies.

The program also keeps the town clean, cuts diseases spread by rat urine and avoids the persistent floods that used to occur when the town's population threw their garbage into rivers.

Curitiba also is taking government to the people. "Citizenship Streets" are colorful covered avenues of government offices and shops where residents can pay utility bills, get a marriage license or file a police report. They can also get a haircut, buy groceries or work out. Shop rents pay most of the costs.

The streets also have 600-seat open theaters, night courts and classrooms that offer vocational training for \$1 a course.

The first Citizenship Street opened last year; six more are planned by early 1997. They reflect one of the keys to Curitiba's success: integration. Each Citizenship Street, for example, is linked directly to one of the city's seven transportation hubs.

The transport centers are near health facilities, of which Curitiba has the most per capita in Brazil — all open 24 hours a day. The clin-

ics and environmental programs have cut infant mortality in half over the past decade; it is now only one-third of the national average of more than 50 deaths per 1,000 births.

Curitiba has not overlooked its schools. Christiano, a second-grader, uses one of the four-volume *Lessons from Curitiba* textbooks written by the mayor and local teachers.

Numbers are taught using local flora and fauna. The poem in a reading lesson explains that emeralds are worth a lot and diamonds much more, but even more valuable is glass because it can be recycled again and again. Math problems probe how much of the local environment can be saved through various kinds of recycling.

"We're trying to create a whole new set of attitudes and a sense of involvement," Mayor Greca said. Students pay for their books in recyclable trash; each book itself is recycled to the next year's students.

In 1991, Curitiba built the Free University for the Environment — from old utility posts — next to a former quarry, now converted into a lake.

Short courses on how to make better use of the environment are tailored for homemakers, contractors and merchants. Taxi drivers are now required to take a course in order to get an operator's license.

"A lot of these ideas came from a game started 20 years ago when we were at the university," said Mauro Magnabosco, president of the Curitiba Institute for Urban Planning and Research. "We looked at what we needed and how we could get it."

Shortly before the mayors' meeting in Istanbul, Greca shared Curitiba's working philosophy.

"The city is the best human invention," he said. "But to make it work, a city's society must be understood as a train that will go no faster than its slowest wagon or car."

"City governments exist to push the slowest car so the whole train will go faster."

(Los Angeles Times)

## Achieving the right qualities

**L**AST month, this column received a letter from a mother-to-be asking for advice. We offered some and turned to you, our readers, for your suggestions. With this week's column, we begin printing your wonderful words of wisdom. Thanks to all who submitted replies.

Dear Mother-To-Be,

As the mother of four young children, I can attest to the fact that patience, self-assurance and calm are among the most important qualities a parent should strive to achieve. With these qualities as tools, we aim to raise and educate our child "according to his way" (Proverbs 22:6; Haysi Adam 66:1) so that the values which we try to instill in him become internalized.

The difficulty is that we achieve these qualities only together with the actual work of child-rearing, and not before. But, with more children, come more tolerance and insight. Therefore, we must be patient and confident enough to learn from our children, and we must persevere in the wake of new-found obstacles such as the sudden absence of once-enjoyed everyday freedoms.

For, within the parent-child relationship, there exists a new kind of freedom: That is the freedom to love and give full-time and unconditionally. And this is the stuff of which the human heart should be made and the human intellect should pass on.

Lisa Haller, Jerusalem

Dear Mother-To-Be

With my first baby I had the mistaken idea that my nights belonged to me and that I should be able to sleep! I wasted a lot of time and frustration in trying to get my baby to sleep when she wasn't sleepy.

When my son was born I decided that my nights belonged to him. I was able to relax and enjoy the time he was awake at night and then put him to sleep when he was ready. I probably got the same amount of sleep minus the frustration!

Other wisdom — make "no" mean no and not "maybe." Don't let your daughter's hair grow long however much you like long hair.

**PARENTING**  
**RUTH MASON**

The above two will save you much fighting and moaning later on.

Anne Rabinowitz  
Kibbutz Nir David

To the Expectant Mom,

Here is some advice from a new mother of about a year now. I agree with the advice given by Ruth Mason's midwife. Here is some advice that worked for me and my baby, and all the babies I took care of!

- Never let the baby cry. I saw the crying of baby as a way of telling me something was not okay. I took her in my arms or carried her around in the baby carrier.
- Don't separate from your baby for the first year or so, if possible, or make sure you have somebody close to you who is a good, warm caretaker.
- Breast-feed your baby as long as he/she wants.

Last but not least: Follow your heart and intuition. I guarantee you, the baby "pays" you back with all the love it got from you.

P. Barzani, midwife-assistant

Dear Mother-To-Be:

My best advice to a new mother is not to take the advice of others. Rely on your own instincts. Relax. You have to be firm but give in at appropriate times. Be consistent, as well as know when to compromise.

If this sounds contradictory, well, it is. No one child is the same as another and you basically have to navigate on your own. You have to get to know your child and be sensitive to his/her needs. For my first child people told me to let the baby cry to sleep. It never worked. We did this for 45 minutes and it was sheer torture. It turned out he had ear infections. When there is a problem, seek professional advice, not the neighbors.

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# Deri under observation after minor stroke

JUDY SIEGEL and HERB KEINON

SHAS MK Aryeh Deri was under observation yesterday in the neurology department of Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem after suffering a "minor cerebro-vascular accident" (stroke) on Monday.

The 38-year-old MK, who smoked cigarettes heavily when he was a yeshiva student and now puffs regularly on a pipe, complained of a lack of feeling in his arms and hurried to the hospital late Monday night.

A CVA is caused by a blood clot or bleeding in the brain. If it blocks a major blood vessel, it can cause oxygen starvation in the brain tissues, but if it affects a small vessel, it can pass without damage.

Prof. Avinoam Reches of the neurology department said Deri would have to rest for a few days and would fully recover.

Reches said that a Doppler test on blood flow to the brain was conducted and the results for normal; Deri's heart function "also normal, he said.

Reches added that Deri had been upset when admitted and had to be calmed down by the staff.

Shas MK Shlomo Benizri said yesterday that he called the hospital and talked to one of Deri's assistants, who said that he was resting and recovering. Last night a vigil in support of Deri was scheduled to take place in front of the hospital, with supporters saying those who claim Deri is trying to manipulate his way out of his trial are treating him unfairly. In an emotional interview on Israel Radio on Monday morning, Deri pleaded with the press to "lay off him" and stop circulating reports that reported moves by the Likud to replace Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair has something to do with his demands. Benizri said that Deri's hospitalization will not interfere with Shas's coalition negotiations, and that the party has a negotiating team with clear directives from the party's rabbis. Benizri said that the reason Shas did not meet with Likud representatives yesterday had nothing to do with Deri, but was simply because "the Likud never got back to us."

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Lt. Lior Ramon, 21, of Ramat Gan, is buried at Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery yesterday. Lt. Yishai Shechter, 21, of Kedumim; St.-Sgt. Gavriel Idan, 20, of Herzliya; St.-Sgt. Eshel Amir Ben-Moshe, 21, of Moshav Yuvalim, and Sgt. Yaniv Roimi, 21, of Afula, who were all killed with Ramon in Lebanon on Monday, were also laid to rest yesterday. (Dan Ovediviv/Israel Sun)

## Barak hears Deri's plea to disqualify his judges

SUPREME Court President Aharon Barak heard Shas MK Aryeh Deri's request that the judges in his corruption trial be disqualified yesterday, and is expected to issue a decision within a few days. Deri's lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak, had argued that Deri's judges - Ya'acov Zemah, Miriam Naor, and Moussia Arad of the Jerusalem

District Court - are prejudiced against Deri and his co-defendants, and therefore could not give them a fair trial. Avi-Yitzhak charged that since the trial began three years ago, the judges have made numerous hostile remarks and threats against the defendants, and denied many defense requests. The "straw that broke the camel's

back" however, was the court's June 3 decision on the defense's request for a summer break, he said. This decision was issued just as the defense was starting to plead "no case" - i.e. that the prosecution had failed to prove its case, so there was no reason for the defense to bring witnesses in response. However, the court wrote that "there is still a long

road to travel until the end of the trial." This, he said, proves, said Avi-Yitzhak, that the court had decided to reject the "no case" arguments without even hearing them.

Government attorney Efrat Barzilai, however, defended the judges' decision not to disqualify themselves.

"This request for disqualification is based on a tendentious and incorrect interpretation of the judges' statements," she said, noting that a defendant's "subjective feeling" of bias was not enough to disqualify a judge. Such a feeling must be backed by objective facts. Barzilai noted that, in contrast to the picture painted by Avi-Yitzhak, the lower court often denied prosecution requests, granted defense requests, and made hostile comments toward the prosecution. This is all part of the court's efforts to keep a complex and lengthy trial moving, she said, and it is legitimate.

She also reiterated the judges' own explanation for the wording of the June 3 decision: That since the request for a summer recess would be irrelevant if the "no case" argument were accepted, the decision to grant this recess was written "in the event that [these] arguments are rejected."

**WEATHER**

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

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London	11	17	cloudy
Los Angeles	11	17	cloudy
Madrid	11	17	cloudy
Moscow	11	17	cloudy
New York	11	17	cloudy
Paris	11	17	cloudy
Rome	11	17	cloudy
Stockholm	11	17	cloudy
Tokyo	11	17	cloudy
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**Winning numbers and cards**

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 22, 28, 34, 38, 43, and 49, while the additional number was 35.

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing the winning cards were the jack of spades, seven of hearts, nine of diamonds and queen of clubs.

**Ivry: Peace comes through superior firepower**

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

ISRAEL's military might and advanced defense technologies were a main factor in pushing the Arab world to seek peace with it, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry said last night. "The readiness to make peace by the leaders of Arab countries is not just the outcome of the awareness of the new regional and global reality. It is mainly the product of sobering up and a good understanding by our neighbors that the it is very difficult to defeat the State of Israel on the battlefield, and that it is worthwhile to try to solve the conflict at the negotiating table," he said.

"A significant contribution to this awareness came from our many efforts, which we are still doing, and with the help of our great ally the United States, to maintain and develop Israel's qualitative defensive edge."

Ivry, a former OC Air Force, made the comments after receiving an honorary doctorate from the Technion for his contribution to national security.

Ivry, who is expected to leave the ministry this summer after a decade of service, noted that the era of peace is putting pressure on defense establishments to cut their budgets. He urged that the defense budget not be slashed.

"We have to use all our forces to protect and develop the technological industries which have been acquired over the years by the defense establishment and the defense industries. These technology sources are a very valuable national asset," he said.

Ivry also called for technology education to be made a "high national priority," and encouraged the strengthening of pre-army technological training among youth.

### Chance ID check foils Hamas terror plot

BILL HUTMAN

A HAMAS activist from Hebron who allegedly planned a terror attack was detained by chance at the Jerusalem City Hall building last week, it was revealed yesterday.

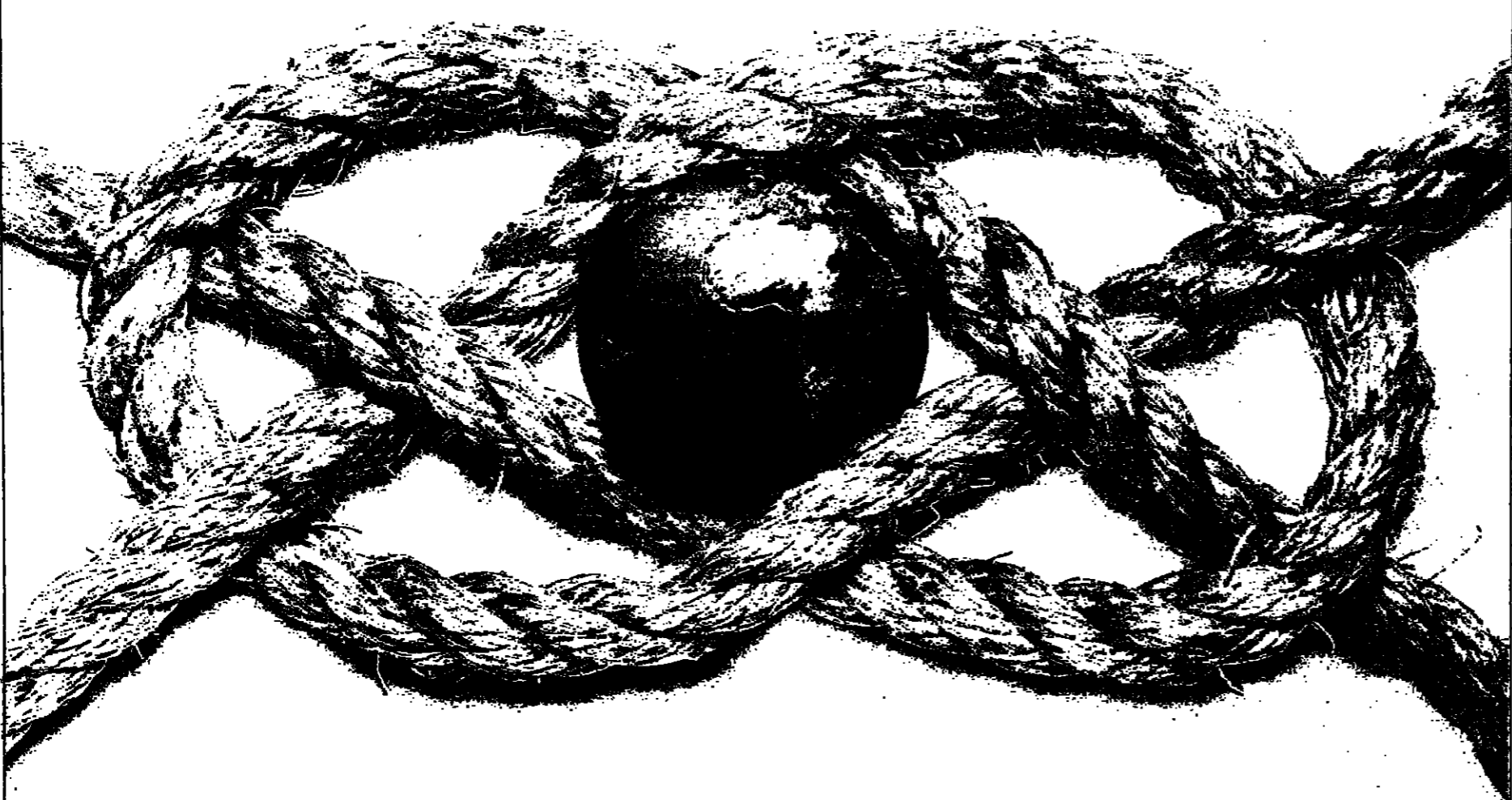
Ghassan Ahmaro, 27, was remanded for the second time yesterday in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court for 15 days.

Only after he was remanded for the first time last week, and questioned by police and the General Security Service, did his alleged involvement in Hamas become known.

He was detained for the first time when a routine check of his identity card revealed that it was forged, police said. A police representative told the court Ahmaro planned either a suicide bombing or stabbing.

He was also wanted for unspecified criminal activity, said the representative, who also presented a classified report on the suspect to the court. Ahmaro strongly denied the allegations, and said he came to Jerusalem with a forged ID to find work.

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